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### Two Car Crash

Today 3/9/04 at about 1:55 p.m State Police received 911 calls reporting a motor vehicle crash on I-91 southbound in the vicinity of exit #25 in Wethersfield. Troopers, EMS and Fire Department personnel responded and located a serious crash involving two cars.

On the scene were Hartford Police Officers who had rescued the suspect from his vehicle that had immediately erupted into flames from the impact of the crash.

Preliminary investigation revealed that pursuant to a Hartford Police investigation, the Hartford Police Officers had attempted to take a suspect into custody in the city of Hartford when the suspect fled. While fleeing from Hartford Police the suspect struck a Hartford Police vehicle. Hartford Police Officers attempted to stop the suspect vehicle and the vehicle entered I-91 traveling southbound.

As the suspect vehicle approached exit #25 the suspect lost control striking the guardrail and came to rest facing the wrong way on the highway. Hartford Officers again attempted to apprehend the suspect. The suspects fled again by driving a short distance the wrong way on the highway. The suspect vehicle struck a southbound vehicle causing extensive damage. The suspect vehicle to erupted into flames. The Hartford Police Officers rescued the suspect from the flaming car. The suspect was transported to St. Francis Hospital. The second operator of the other vehicle was taken to Hartford Hospital.

The accident remains under investigation by Connecticut State Police.

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